

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Amend the paragraph commencing at line 12 as follows

The ~~head~~ neck and the body have respective thickness equal to or smaller than the thickness of the head, and the body includes a substantially half upper portion exclusive of the thin region, and has laterally spaced side end regions of the body having a thickness smaller than the thickness of the lower region of the neck in the substantially half upper portion of the body.

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Amend the paragraph commencing at line 3 as follows:

The ~~year~~ ears 7, the body 5, and the neck 6 joined therebetween jointly define a pair of recesses 11 between the ears 7 and the body 5 and on opposite sides of the neck 6. When the continuously variable transmission is assembled, the endless belts are inserted in the respective recesses 11. The body 5 has a pair of laterally spaced pulley contact surfaces (V-shaped surfaces) 12 on its opposite ends for contact with a pulley, not shown, of the continuously variable transmission. The body 5 has a thin region 13 in its substantially half lower portion whose thickness is progressively reduced toward a lower edge thereof.

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